

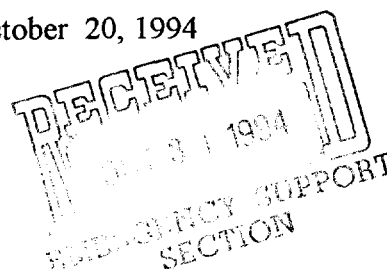


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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. Site, Gary, IN

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This letter acknowledges our receipt of EPA's letter dated September 28, 1994, from Richard C. Karl, Chief, Emergency and Enforcement Response Branch, regarding the above-referenced site.

Please be advised that Ashland Chemical Company is a member of the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. De Minimis Group and Ashland Chemical Company will continue to work with EPA through the De Minimis Group regarding this matter.

If EPA requires any additional response from Ashland Chemical Company in connection with the letter dated September 28, 1994, or if you would like to discuss this matter, please contact Steve W. Leermakers, Esq., at Ashland Chemical Company, P.O. Box 2219, Columbus, OH 43216, or 614-889-4261.

Very truly yours,

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